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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5984-review.doc).



Title: MRI in rectal cancer: A surgeon's perspective

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

Reviewer 2

Abstract: Role of MRI in lymph node, crm, peritoneal deposit and low rectal cancer have been added in the abstract.

Material and methods: A systematic search of PubMed, MEDLINE and the Cochrane Library databases was performed from January 1995 to March 2013 using the terms: "MRI and rectal cancer" to identify studies investigating role of MRI in rectal cancer surgery. Using the criteria listed above 1231 articles were identified. After records were screened by abstract, 137 articles were eligible for full text evaluation and 72 were included in the reference list.

Technique: basic sequences added in text.

MRI based staging of rectal cancer and surgical management added in text

Reviewer 3

Basic MRI sequences added

Table 4 formatted

Abbreviation CRM added in text

Consensus regarding time of second MRI added in text

Stage of cancer with surgery and MRI separate paragraph in text

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